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**Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
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Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2016
6 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara B. White

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Tom Stalker
Richard Long

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:01 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to hold the minutes of the December 14, 2015 11 a.m. meeting. The minutes of the December 14, 2015 6 p.m. meeting were approved.

Wired West

Tim Newman reported he attended a joint MBI-Wired West meeting in early December, 2015 to try and iron out their differences on ownership of the system, business plan and financial model. Another meeting to discuss these issues between MBI and Wired West is planned this week.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Letter

Because members of the Board of Selectmen had not had time to read the proposed letter, it will be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Board of Selectmen Goals

A review of the goals set at the September 9, 2015 Board of Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Staff completion/backups have been completed with the exception of backup for the Accountant's position. The Personnel Policy has been approved. Roles still needing to be clarified are the Solid Waste Coordinator and Animal Control Officer. The Finance Policy and Procedures with the Finance Committee have been adopted. The discussion of the Broadband direction continues and will be brought forward to the residents in Town at the Special Town Meeting in April. Michele Shalaby will continue

her discussion concerning the five-year road plan with Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring. The Clayton Mill River Funding has been secured with a MassWorks Grant from the State. The resolution to the IRS notices is an ongoing discussion with the IRS. The bids for the Clayton Mill River Culvert will go out in January 2016.

An on-going discussion took place regarding the issuance of dog licenses to second home owners and unlicensed dogs. It was agreed that the Town Administrator would address this issue and recommend a proposal.

An information letter was received from Stantec regarding the Hadsell Street Bridge, slated to be completed in 2017.

Town Administrator Updates

Requests for Information (RFI's) have been received from Crocker Communication, Collins Electric and Frontier. MBI's Request for Proposal (RFP) may render the Town's RFI mute. The MBI RFP allows for more flexibility in the system and will work with the towns to help them get what they need. Comments on the needs of the Town are due back to MBI by January 15, 2016. Selectman, Nat Yohalem, will call MBI to ask them to meet with New Marlborough regarding our next steps.

Berkshire Regional Planning has requested the Town to prioritize the two District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grants for which the Planning Board applied.

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, reported the successful signing of the Community Compact in Great Barrington on December 22, 2015 by seventeen towns and six regional school districts.

Mari Enoch will communicate with Freddy Friedman to insure the Transfer Station has operating procedures in place regarding inclement weather.

Selectmen's Updates

There were no updates from members of the Board of Selectmen.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary